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SGA tries to reach students early in school year

The Student Government Association made a special effort to introduce itself to the student body at UTPA on the first day of classes. The "Student Outreach" session lasted from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the University Center Circle.

SGA president Frank Zaleta and vice-president Monica Treviño, along with several SGA senators, were on hand to welcome students and help any lost freshmen. "Some of us have been here since five this morning," said Zaleta. "We want the students to know who we are and what we do."

As late as 6:30 p.m., students were stopping by to take advantage of the free refreshments provided, as well as a few prizes.

The SGA is a body of students who have been elected by their respective colleges to represent them in student affairs. The group meets twice a month and whenever a special student committee is required.

Anyone with questions or concerns regarding student government may call the SGA Office at 381-2517, or stop by UC 322.



SGA President Frank Zaleta was on hand at Monday's Student Outreach. Zaleta estimated that 1800 students stopped throughout the day.

—Photo by J. Mancha/ The Pan American



UTPA President Miguel Nevárez was actively involved at a courtesy booth outside the University Ballroom Wednesday. Nevárez and several personnel from the Office of the Dean of Students were handing out everything from campus maps to UTPA license plate holders.

— Photo by J. Mancha/ The Pan American

\$97.2 million budget approved by Regents

The University of Texas System Board of Regents approved a \$97.2 million budget for fiscal year 1999 for UTPA. Included in the budget for the new fiscal year, which began Tuesday are \$48.3 million in appropriated general revenue from the state, an increase of 1.9 percent. Other sources of revenue include \$10 million in student-paid tuition; \$15.6 million in federal grants and contracts; \$322,219 in gifts from donors for specific purposes; \$3.1 million in student service fees paid by students; and \$3.2 million in pledged income from the University Bookstore.

The regents approved budgets for all 15 campuses of The UT system. The total operating budget for fiscal year 1999 for all system components is \$4.88 billion.

¡HOLA! week starts Tuesday at North Quad

The office of the Dean of Students, in cooperation with other university departments is kicking off ¡HOLA! week Tuesday with a Student Services Fair at the North Quad, just south of the old Science Building.

The event, which will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will introduce the student body to the many services offered here at UTPA.

Various department representatives will be present to promote their programs and to help increase student awareness on campus.

— Office of the Dean of Students

EDITORIAL

September 3, 1998



My



J. Javier Mancha

Issue number two and I haven't lost my mind.

The first week of classes is almost over and it's all downhill from here ... not. I hope that most of you have decided to stay in school, regardless of what kind of syllabi you may have received this week.

There will be no classes on Monday due to the Labor Day holiday. Any time there is a three-day weekend, people like to get stupid with the booze. I implore you ... please, be responsible for yourself and keep your head on a swivel when out on the road.

When we resume on Tuesday, stop by the North Quad and get to know what's going on around campus and meet some new people. ¡HOLA! Week is a great opportunity for departments to strut their stuff and recruit those students who have yet to decide on a major. Even if you have, stop by and take a look around. You may discover something that you didn't know about UTPA!

Have a safe Labor Day holiday.

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Does violence beget violence? How to deal with terrorism

Moments after the word got out that the U.S. had taken military actions against sites that were allegedly used for terrorist activity, a serious concern loomed over the nation. Well, perhaps two concerns if you count the "Wag the Dog" hypothesis.

The other, and by far the most important one was (and still is) the question as to what kind of retaliation we could expect from the terrorists. Weren't we merely fueling the fire that we had originally set out to extinguish?

The August 21 strike was long overdue. Taking the initiative and hitting Mr. bin Laden where it hurts are the only options we have when it comes to dealing with him. Sitting back and watching these groups kidnap and murder with no official reaction is what these animals thrive on. Knowing that our only response will be some harsh words and a condemnation of their cause - this is what tightens their grip around the globe.

Like a grade school bully, terrorists will continue to intimidate and wreak their havoc until someone stands up to them and says, "enough."

"Enough."

CAMPUS NEWS

Overall UTPA enrollment decreases

UTPA enrollment, as compared to the fall of '97, has decreased in lower division classifications (freshmen and sophomores), but has increased in the graduate level.

Total enrollment was down by .57% as of yesterday, according to David R. Zuñiga, director of Admissions and Records.

Entering freshman enrollment was down by 14%, while returning freshman enrollment was down by .5%.

The decrease in upperclass enrollment is as follows: sophomores, 7%; juniors, .5%; and seniors, 2%.

"As the numbers indicate, we are down in lower division enrollment, mainly because students are turning to STCC," said Zuñiga.

Graduate student enrollment, on the other hand, has increased by 33%. Doctoral enrollment has also increased by 34%.

The increase of graduate and doctoral students in UTPA indicates that the university is becoming a more professionally based higher learning institution, said Zuñiga.

In addition to graduate and doctoral enrollment, "special student" enrollment is also going up. "These are students who have already obtained a degree, but continue their education for professional improvement," said

Zuñiga. Students in this category include those seeking teacher certification. This group increased by 2%.

According to Zuñiga, students are turning to STCC to obtain their basics, especially after transferring classes from the community college to UTPA has been made easier.

"Cooperative programs have been created where students can complete core courses at STCC, and then they can transfer to UTPA to further their education," he said.

Zuñiga hopes to see a gradual increase in UTPA enrollment caused by students obtaining their core courses at STCC. According to him, UTPA did not suffer a tremendous decline. "We are holding our own," he said.

That is not to say that UTPA and STCC are competing for students enrollment. Enrollment increase and decrease at STCC and UTPA respectively is not seen as a problem, but as a partnership with the community college.

In spite of the general enrollment drop, UTPA has increased in semester credit hours. "The institution's funding is based on this number," said Zuñiga.

According to him, this is something very important to this institution.

-E.Dominguez/ The Pan American

COSERVE assists women entrepreneurs

UTPA's Office of Center Operations and Community Services (COSERVE) will soon offer a new center designed to assist women entrepreneurs throughout South Texas.

"Our goal is to provide the highest quality business technical assistance to women-owned start-up and existing businesses in the four-county Rio Grande Valley area," said Roland Arriola, executive director of COSERVE.

The center, which is scheduled to be operational by October, was made possible through a \$600,000 five-year grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration office of Women's Business Ownership.

Clients will have access to business counseling and assistance, in English or Spanish, in areas of finance, marketing, management, computer applications,

and loan application and packaging, Arriola said.

"We are hoping to serve at least 500 clients and help create at least 400 new jobs through this center," he noted said. "The number of women entrepreneurs has grown steadily over the past 20 years, and hopefully we will be able to assist the growing need women entrepreneurs have here in the Rio Grande Valley."

Arriola said the center is one of only three women business centers throughout the state of Texas and 35 throughout the nation.

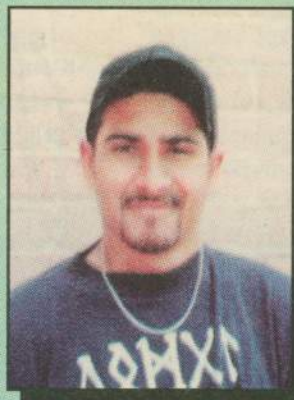
"This program was three years in the making," Arriola said. "It's a real honor to be selected, and to be able to offer these kind of services to the people of the Rio Grande Valley."

-University Relations

Q & A

What are your views on on-line dating or falling in love over the internet?

- Christina Flores



Mudassir Mohamed
Junior
Business

I'm not in favor of on-line dating due to the fact it could be dangerous. You don't know the person because they could have a false attitude and you don't know the person entirely until you meet them.

Waheed Mohamed
Freshman
Biochemistry

I agree with on-line dating because you find out the person's personality before you see their face so if you do fall in love, it is the person and not the appearance that attracts you.



Sukayna Panju
Junior
Chemistry

I don't agree with it because it doesn't seem realistic. All you know about the person is what you read on the screen. It's not hard to change who you are when nobody knows what you look like.



Monica Rodriguez
Freshman
Political Science

It depends on the person. If that's what they want, it is up to them. I personally do not see myself doing it.



Cesar Saenz
Sophomore
Business

How can you fall in love by talking with someone on the internet? I believe that it is not possible to fall in love with someone you have not seen because they can lie about who they are.



SEPTEMBER

TONIGHT AUDITIONS: Tryouts for two mainstage plays this semester, *Six Characters in Search of an Author* and *Maricela De La Luz Light the World*, at 7 p.m. in the University Theatre.

3 MUSIC: Thursday Thriller from Noon to 1 p.m. in the UC Circle, presented by UPB.

3 AUDITIONS: Tryouts for UTPA Dance Ensemble new dancers at 6:30 p.m. in room 133 of Health and Physical Education II building. For info: 381-2315.

5 - Oct. 16 - ART EXHIBIT: Smithhammer and Matsubara, Crafts and Textiles, at the University Gallery in CAS lobby.

6 TRACK: Men and women's cross country host to Adrian Martinez meet vs UTPA Alumni at 6 p.m., Palmview Golf Course in McAllen.

7 HOLIDAY: Labor Day. No classes.

8 VOLLEYBALL: Broncs vs. Texas Southern at 7 p.m. in the Field House.

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9 DEADLINE: Entries due for Intramural Rec-Sports at UC 206A for 3 on 3 Wallyball, 4 on 4 CoRec Beach Volleyball, Flag Football and Racquetball.

10 RECEPTION: Clark Gallery features the paintings of Leighann Foster where a reception will be held from 7-9 p.m.

12 DANCE: Welcome Back Dance 8 p.m. to Midnight in the Field House presented by UPB.

14 DEADLINE: Last day to file application for degree with Admissions and Records for students expecting to graduate in May 1999.

15 CELEBRATION: Diez y Seis de Septiembre from 11 to 1:30 p.m. in UC Circle, presented by UPB.

17 TENNIS: UTPA men and women's tennis vs. Laredo Junior College in a practice match at 7 p.m. in the Cox Tennis Stadium.

17 ENTERTAINMENT: Open Mic from Noon - 1 p.m. in the UC Circle, presented by UPB.

27 CONCERT: Guest artist John Paul, piano, at 3 p.m. in Fine Arts Auditorium.

5 RECEPTION: Art Department Faculty show reception 7-9 p.m. in the Clark Gallery.

20 CONCERT: UTPA Choir at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

27 RECITAL: Seniors Lynnette Amriz, voice, and Jamie Young, flute, perform at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

20 CONCERT: Carnival of the Great Pumpkin 8 p.m. to Midnight in the Field House.

FOR INFORMATION

Art Department	381-3480
Athletic Department	381-2221
Folkloric Dance	381-2230
Intramural office	381-3673
Music Department	381-3471
UTPA Theatre	381-3581

If your club or organization has an upcoming campus activity, *The Pan American* would like to post it in this Calendar. Send it to CAS 170 by NOON Thursday at least one week in advance.

OCTOBER

5 EXHIBIT: Annual Art Department Faculty show opens in Clark Gallery featuring works from ceramic to jewelry.

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FORUM

Do Valley schools need metal detectors?

WASHINGTON (AP)—Going to class will be a little more like boarding an airliner for many U.S. pupils this year as educators try to prevent another year of bloodshed in America's schools.

They'll walk through metal detectors and past police or other guards. A stray word about violence could mean trouble if someone overhears and reports it—perhaps anonymously.

"What we're trying to do is parallel what airports are doing with their security so we don't have people even making jokes about violence," said George Freeman, spokesman for Springfield, Mo., schools. There, any pupil from kindergarten through high school who even utters a threat will be turned over to juvenile authorities and kept out of school until evaluated by a counselor.

Elsewhere, kids will be wearing photo ID badges and toting book bags made of see-through materials, if they're allowed to carry book bags at all. They're being given hotline numbers to report, anonymously,

signs that a school-mate could turn violent, and some will face punishment if they don't.

Many more will be exposed to workshops, classes and counseling on keeping violence out of arguments.

These are the harsh realities

'What we're trying to do is parallel what airports are doing with their security so we don't have people even making jokes about violence.'

-George Freeman

for many of the record 52.7 million pupils entering American schools after a year in which four mass shootings claimed the lives of students and teachers: politicians and school officials spent a big part of the summer studying ways to avoid a repeat of killings in Jonesboro, Ark.; Paducah, Ky.; Springfield, Ore.; and Pearl, Miss.

Despite unease about security, schools remain safe places, everyone insists from President Clinton down, with less than 1 percent of violent deaths of children occurring on school grounds. Principals in places like Evansville, Ind.,

are getting handheld metal detectors for frisking students suspected of being armed. Each Evansville high school is getting a breath machine to test if students have been drinking.

What's more, Evansville students can be punished if

they don't report information on threats or plans by fellow students to do harm.

"Students can say, 'Well, this is a school rule. This is what I'm supposed to do,'" said Randy Heidorn, school security chief. Toll-free hotlines are springing up all over to make the job easier.

Police, long a fixture in big-city schools, are showing up in suburban and small-town schools. And security found in high schools is showing up in middle schools.

Although backpacks have long replaced satchels in this country, junior high and high-school students in Marshall

County, Ky., the next county from Paducah, must find other ways to tote their books. Backpacks and large book bags are forbidden to keep out of schools convenient hiding places for weapons.

"There's no way for us to know what they're bringing

into the schools, and we don't want to have to search every bag," said Superintendent Kenneth Shadowen.

Pupils in first through fifth grades will be allowed only mesh or clear bags approved by principals—and no stickers are allowed on bags.

In Lowell, Mass., and elsewhere, students will be sporting photo ID badges so people can tell students from intruders.

And if all this fails, there are drills and crisis plans for dealing with outbreaks of violence and their aftermath.

"It's designed for a shooting, or a possible bomb explo-

sion," said Jerry Gusaas, director of buildings, grounds and transportation for Bismarck, N.D., schools. He's been working with area police agencies on a plan. "This is a thing for if someone is still armed and dangerous, like has been happening around the country . . . in communities similar to ours."

In Connecticut and Chicago, officials are looking at behavior beyond the schoolyard. Students committing violent acts even outside school may be expelled or put in alternative schools.

Still, officials know that metal detectors, police officers and crisis plans have limits.

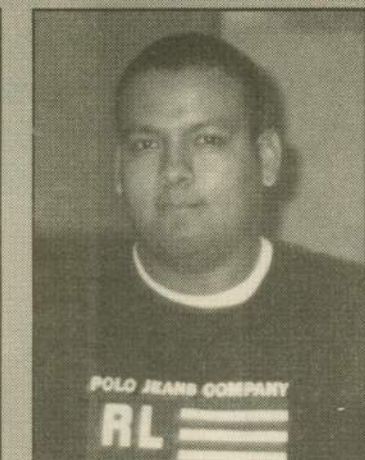
Wayne Beatty, in charge of school safety for the Natrona County School District No. 1 in Casper, Wyo., ticked off "campus supervisors, campus resources offices, crisis management plans."

But, he said, "our investment in regard to increased security is increased communication."



Maria Castañeda
Senior
Elementary Education

Yes, for the safety of the children. It will provide parents comfort and ease to know that no one is going into school with any type of weapon.



Oscar Garcia
Sophomore
Criminal Justice

Yes, to avoid what has happened in other places from happening here in the Valley. We need to stop violence before it starts.



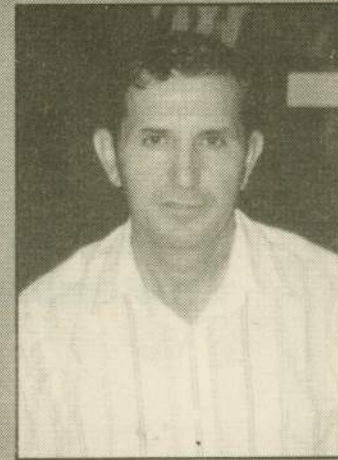
Sahar Alizy
Freshman
Biology

Maybe. In a way, it will be a good prevention method. On the other hand, it shouldn't be done in a way that will disrupt the regular school setting.



Clarrissa Olalde
Freshman
Undecided

No. We don't need metal detectors. It goes against our freedom of privacy. Students go to school to learn and not to be checked at concentration camps.



Fernando Villarreal
Senior
Education


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FEATURES

From campy to creepy, slasher films still in our blood

The horror, the horror. On this, the premiere of "H20," 20 years after the classic "Halloween" flickered onto movie screens with budding fright queen Jamie Lee Curtis, we celebrate and denigrate the slice-and-dice genre. Many films have graced and disgraced the realm. Some were so bad they became campy cult icons; others, so bad they're just plain bad.

"Blood Feast"

(1963): The first cheapo movie to openly and unapologetically wallow in blood and guts. A crazy caterer who worships an Egyptian devil cult relentlessly murders women, collecting their body parts to appease a long-dead Egyptian princess. After assorted mayhem, just as he is ready to serve a catered "feast" to his next victim, he is thwarted by a police officer who chases him into a garbage truck compactor.

"A Bucket of Blood"

(1959): Inept beatnik busboy accidentally kills his cat with a knife, then covers it with plaster. The resulting statue is declared a masterpiece by those who formerly snubbed him. Thus encouraged, he further casts humans as sculptures, enjoys career success, tries heroin, falls in love and is eventually found out.

"Dressed to Kill" (1980): Stylish thriller by Brian DePalma featured Angie Dickinson as a victim, Nancy Allen as a prostitute with a heart of gold and Michael Caine as psychopathic, transsexual psychiatrist who dresses as a blond woman. With a nod to Alfred Hitchcock, there are shower scenes, but the slashing is done in a claustrophobic elevator.

"Drive-In Massacre" (1976): Killer preys on patrons of a drive-in movie theater. Lots of carnage, with police interrogations of potential suspects woven through-

out. Replete with a manager who despises his customers and a voyeuristic truck driver tossing red herrings along the way, this film ends with all the suspects dead, and the intercom blasting that a "killer is on the loose." Run for the exits.

"Friday the 13th" (1980): Teenagers open a summer camp that had been closed after a horrible, unsolved murder. Killer on the loose dispatches camp counselors one-by-one in gratuitously grisly fashion.

"Halloween" (1978): Considered a teen horror classic, the original "Halloween" stars Jamie Lee Curtis as the sweet, virginal heroine Laurie. Set in a small town 15 years after a 6-year-old boy had been put away for a heinous murder, Curtis' character survives the onslaught of Michael, who escapes to wreak havoc on Halloween. Wearing a mask, he kills teen-

agers caught in compromising situations.

"Humongous" (1982): Just when you thought it was safe to come out of the house, more teens on a lark land in peril, with this group shipwrecking their parent's yacht on an island where a seven-foot, dog-eating madman stalks them.

"Maniac" (1980): Mistreated by his mother, depressed New York loner kills and scalps beautiful women. Using their hair, he decorates the mannequins he considers his friends in his drab apartment.

"Psycho" (1960): Alfred Hitchcock's seminal horror-film classic is the ultimate terror: Weird guy Norman Bates (played by Anthony Perkins) runs a motel where he lives with his "mother." Embezzling blond, played by Jamie Lee Curtis' mom Janet Leigh, hides out at the Bates Motel and, in one of cinema's

most harrowing and memorable murder scenes, is dispatched as she showers. re.

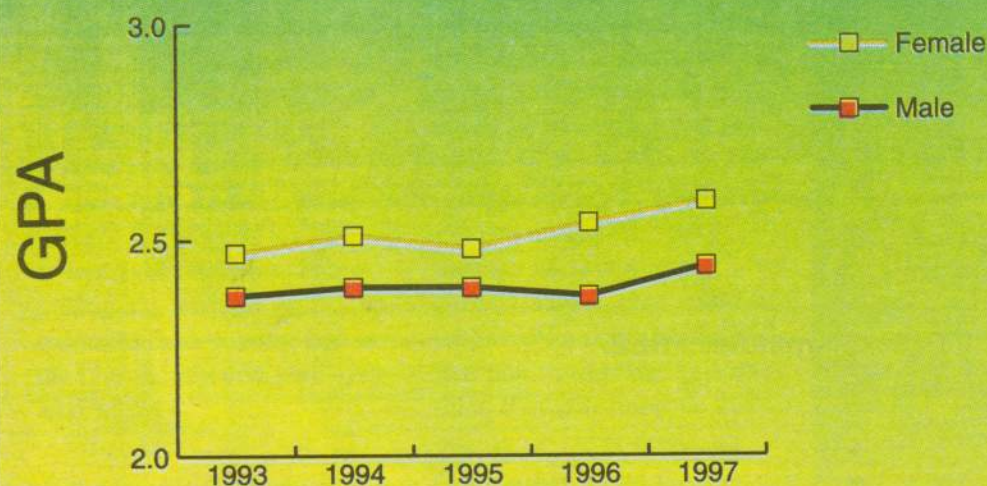
"Terror Train" (1981): Complete with a disco scene, this tale follows teen scream queen Jamie Lee Curtis aboard a train full of partying college students. Someone, deeply disturbed as a result of a frat hazing, goes off the rails, executing those aboard in sundry blood-drenched ways.

"Texas Chainsaw Massacre" (1974): Young friends out in the family van meetup with a strange young man, Leatherface. One by one, they are terrorized and murdered in gruesome fashion by the man and his insane family of ex-slaughterhouse workers who decorate their house with body parts.

Tribune Media Services

The Battle of Sexes

Just who is making the grade at UTPA?



Since the Fall of 1993, the women of UTPA have consistently maintained higher grade point averages than their male counterparts.

Source: 1997 University of Texas-Pan American Institutional Fact Book

- Maria Treviño



FEATURES

Anti-Drunken Driving Effort Can Bring Legacy Of Life

Much has been said about the shocking death a year ago of Diana, Princess of Wales. She was elegant. She was gracious. She was royalty yet with a common touch. All true. Also true: She was killed by a drunken driver.

French police said the alcohol content in the blood of Diana's driver that night, Henri Paul, was three times more than is legal.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the relentless force behind most of America's tougher drunken driving laws, was one of the few organizations to see Diana's death for essentially what it was: another tragedy that could have been prevented. In a national

advertising campaign last year, MADD listed 120 girls and young women who died just like Diana, saying, "We've seen too many princesses die." Still, the U.S. Department of Transportation reports 16,189 alcohol-related traffic deaths last year. Take it as an encouraging sign that alcohol was a factor in only about 39 percent of all traffic deaths, down from 41 percent in 1996 and more than 57 percent as recently as 1982.

But it remains discouraging that an average of 44 people a day die in this country because of drunken driving.

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Texans Blame TV and Film for Rise in Crime

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Almost half of the Texans questioned in an annual crime poll taken by Sam Houston State University blame television and film violence for causing crime to rise.

And the number of people who blame TV and movies for crime is nearly double the amount who expressed that same sentiment 20 years ago.

"It seems to me a lot more people have been a lot more sensitized to the association in recent years," Dennis Longmire, a Sam Houston State University criminal justice professor and coordinator of the Texas Crime Poll, said Thursday.

In 1978, only 25 percent of Texans queried by Sam

Houston researchers believed movie violence was causing a large increase in the crime rate and 28 percent believed television was the culprit.

But this year's Texas Crime Poll shows 47 percent of those surveyed believed

movies are the root cause of perceived crime rate increases. Forty-eight percent blamed television.

"This is simply a personal subjective assessment, and I've done no empirical research, but it strikes me the (movie) violence today is more graphic," Longmire said. "It strikes me today the news media is paying more attention to crime, in part violent crime, than they were in the late 70s."

"And so those are two kinds

of intuitive differences that might explain some of the increase in concern."

Longmire also said it was worth noting that the interest of the Clinton administration and particularly Tipper Gore, the vice president's wife, in trying to regulate music videos, has raised the public's sensitivity to the issue.

"We're a lot more familiar with the hypothetical relationships than we were in the past," Longmire said.

The school, conducting the poll for the 31st year, contacted 548 Texans by phone last July and asked them questions about crime and criminal justice.

Inmates can't send greeting cards to burn victims

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — State prison officials have quashed a project to bring child burn victims homemade greeting cards from Texas inmates.

Marta Glass, the East Texas prison issues director for the American Civil Liberties Union, came up with the idea after reading about displaced Spanish-speaking children undergoing treatment at the Shriners Burns Institute in Galveston.

She thought it would be so heartwarming to have Texas prison inmates make greeting cards for sick, lonely children that she didn't think anyone would mind.

"I thought the whole world would have warm fuzzies over making get-well cards for burned children," she said. "Many prisoners are parents themselves and are separated from their children, and this is a chance to reach out to a

hurting child. ... I was amazed at TDCJ because I thought nobody would lose on this one."

But the Texas Department of Criminal Justice has a different view, according to a Monday story in The Galveston County Daily News.

TDCJ officials say hundreds of those confined are affiliated with either the Texas Syndicate or the Mexican Mafia, the two most famous and powerful gangs with links to criminal activities within and without the prison system.

This is why, prison spokesman Glen Castlebury says, the greeting card idea was flatly rejected by the head of the state's penal institutions Gary Johnson.

"The idea has been run by Mr. Johnson and the answer is emphatically no," Castlebury said. "It's a very dangerous idea."

He claims cards and letters

are known to contain encoded messages to gang members on the outside.

While Ms. Glass recognizes such gang communication is possible, she says it's tough to imagine a hospital crawling with gang members dressed in white coats snatching unsigned cards intended for children.

Shriners spokeswoman Joyce Akken said she thought Ms. Glass' concept was wonderful since children treated at the hospital indeed come from all across Latin America.

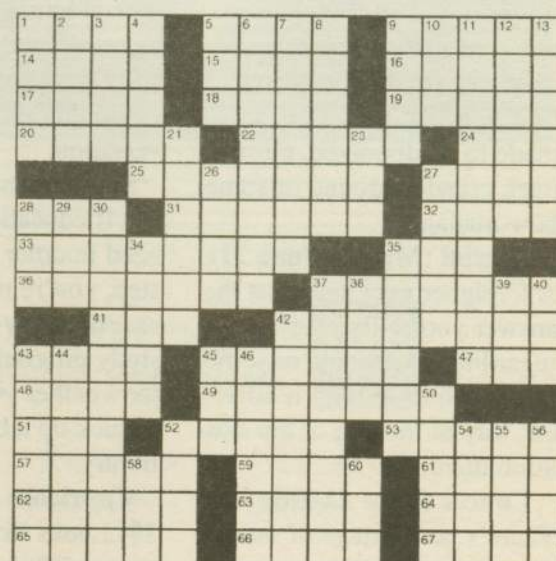
"It's really important for the children to know that they're cared for, that they have value and that people are wishing them well," Ms. Akken said. "When a lot of the other children get visitors, these children don't. So when they get posters and cards, we try to put them on the windows to give them some cheeriness."

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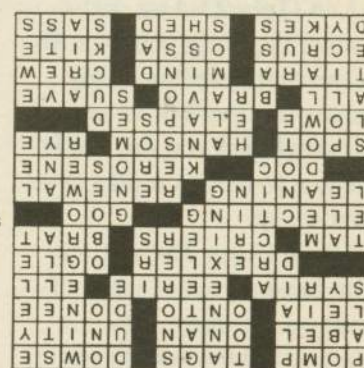
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FEATURES

Realism Crushes Misconceptions In Brutal World Of 'Private Ryan'

"I hate war." -
Franklin Delano
Roosevelt

Just seen the shattering new Steven Spielberg movie about the conflict they call the Last Good War. Just seen death in infinite variety - death grotesque, death obscene, death capricious, death bloody

and stinking, death. Just seen geopolitical conflict and military strategy distilled to the hard reality of fetid corpses in a grassy field and a man, still cruelly alive, lying on a beach with his entrails in his hands.

I've seen my father struggling with an earnestness to get me - then a child - to

understand the things he did and saw when he went to Europe to serve his country. Seen my cousin grow silent and turn away when I begged him to tell me - an adult, now - what he saw when he went to Asia as a Navy diver.

And I've just seen "Saving Private Ryan."

Just seen a carnage, a slaughter, a butchery that denied notions of grand design, illusions of right, faith in rules, and the very existence of God. Just seen the incalculable cost paid so that your child might be free to pierce her navel and get a vulgar tattoo or mine to listen to

nasty rap songs that tell him how very difficult is his life. Just seen the things my father wanted to say and my cousin could not.

And I've just seen "Saving Private Ryan."

Now the things I've seen before seem but the misconceptions of spoiled children.

Leonard Pitts Jr.
Tribune Media Services

Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Something you've been thinking about replacing could be fixed instead. You don't know how, but a friend does.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Don't be dismayed if you run into an obstacle today. Life is full of obstacles, but they're only there to make us stronger. You might as well look at it like that. They're made to be dissolved, climbed over, crawled around or somehow managed.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

A foreigner may have just the answer you're looking for — regarding your home or someone you live with, or a different way of looking at the situation there.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

There's no shortage of money out there. All you have to do is find a need and fill it. You're good at that.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

A partner is giving you a shove in the right direction. This person has more of an analytical mind than you do, and is the one to help you plan your next move.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You have a greater sense of your own destiny, which is good, but the work is getting more difficult. You may not have time to meet with your friends today, but stay in touch.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

The dream you had last night

could come true. It was probably a nice one, so don't worry if you can't remember it. You might run into a problem early in the day, but don't let that get you down.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

There's a situation to deal with at home. Something may be breaking down, or somebody wants to spend hours in seemingly meaningless conversation.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

If education is what you need in order to take the next step, you're in luck. This is an excellent day to start a new study program. It doesn't matter whether you go to school or pick up a book at the library.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Looks like you have bills to pay. While you're at it, throw in something just for fun.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You need to follow through on something you've already begun. That could be paying off a debt. Looks still like you're negotiating something that will improve the quality of life at home, so don't worry about it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

What you're learning now is pretty technical in nature. You might even have to read the manual to find out what's going on.

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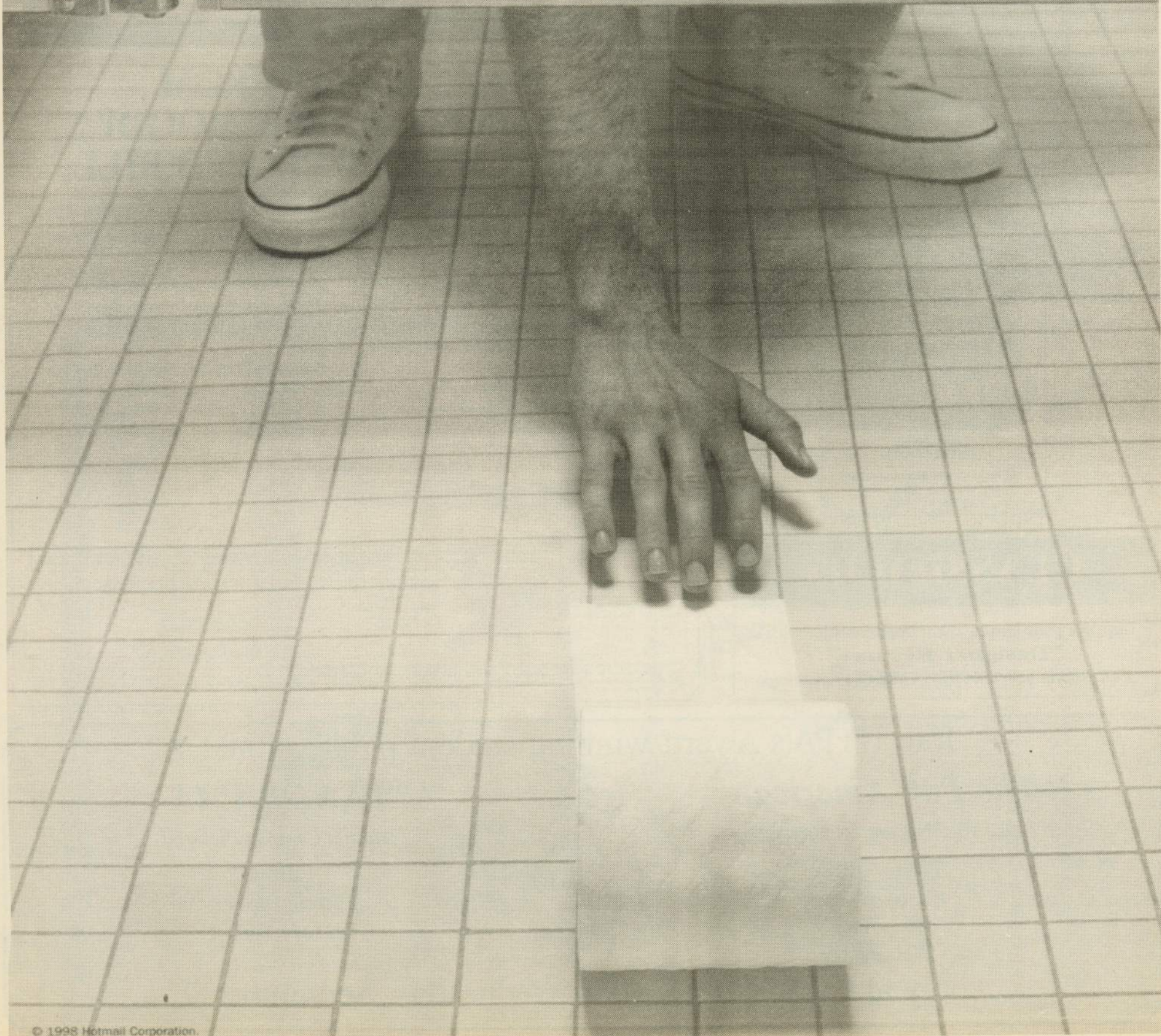
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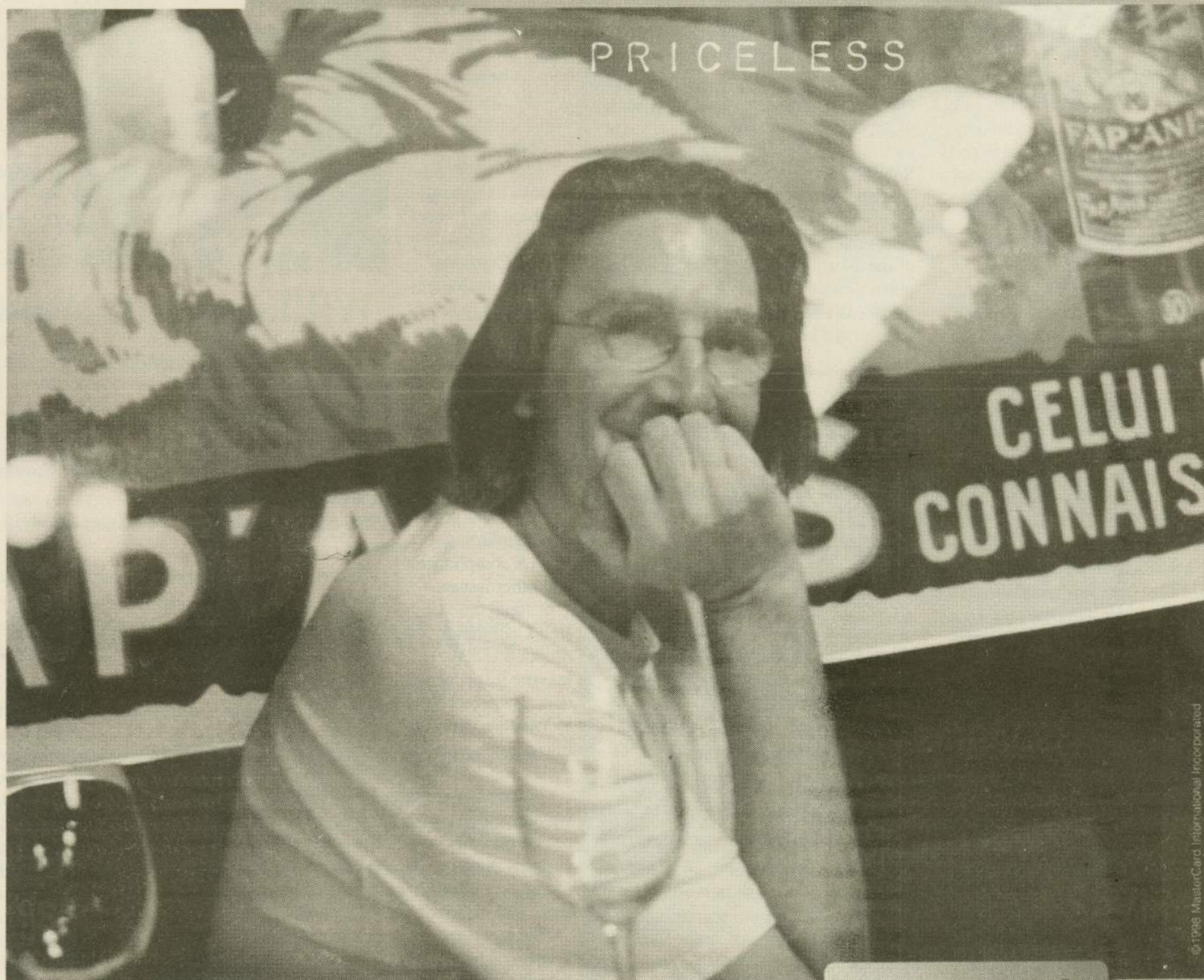
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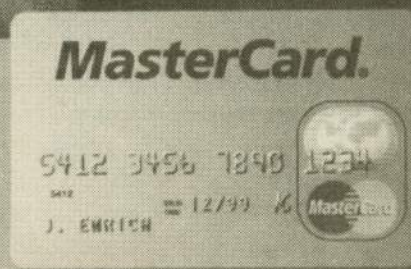
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SPORTS

NEW MAN IN TOWN

Weidner plans changes as UTPA's Athletic Director

Since William (Bill) Weidner took over as Athletic Director in May, he has instituted many changes to the athletic program. He has eagerly taken on the challenge of making our athletic department a credible institution. One that he hopes will become a model of compliance for other universities.

Weidner is very optimistic about the future of the athletic department. And with good reason. He has had success in rescuing other troubled schools in the past.

He was involved with SMU's recovery from an NCAA death penalty for recruiting violations. After their department was rebuilt from the ground up, SMU went onto rank 23rd in the nation by the USA Today/Sears Director's Cup for athletic excellence.

The SMU football team was also recognized by the College Football Association as being one of only five Division I programs to graduate over 90 percent of its student-athletes.

Weidner has similar hopes for UTPA. There are four key principles he is basing his new programs on: academic integrity, broad-based athletic excellence, community involvement, and compliance to NCAA rules. Weidner believes that strictly adhering to these components will make our university a model for other universities to follow.

Since he arrived in May, Weidner has introduced a number of programs that have breathed new life into the ailing athletic program.

Weidner's first project was the restructuring of the department as a whole. He met with all the members of the department and received their input on how to best restructure the athletic program. He created an Executive Staff who meet weekly to discuss what the issues are and how best to address them.

"We felt that we could restructure ourselves to be more efficient in terms of servicing our coaches and different parts of our department internally," Weidner said.

In addition, the Student-Athlete Advisory Council (made up of student-athlete representatives from each of the 14 athletic programs) has been given a more visible role to insure that the needs and concerns of the student-athletes are addressed.

"...we recognize that there are challenges we have to face, but I have no doubt we will overcome those challenges."

—Bill Weidner

The Bronc Athletic Foundation has also been revitalized by the appointment of a new board of directors and the revision of its By-Laws in order to bring it to NCAA compliance.

Among the top priorities for the athletic department is to attain a high graduation rate for the student-athletes by creating ongoing orientation and support systems to put them in the best possible position to be successful.

"We can win all our games, and have all those kinds of successes in the field, or the court," Weidner said. "But if we don't graduate our young people, then it doesn't have much value."

Weidner is also creating an aggressive marketing and promotions campaign, as well as enhancing fund-raising and development efforts. New corporate sponsorship packages and increased advertising opportunities have been introduced to the business

community throughout the Valley.

So far, Weidner has gotten positive support from people in key departments all over campus.

"They are willing to help us be successful. We can not achieve this success by ourselves.

"There's a lot of reasons to be excited about the future," Weidner added, "but we recognize that there are challenges we have to face, but I have no doubt we will overcome those challenges."

One of the biggest challenges Weidner faces is restoring UTPA's credibility which was tarnished due to recent problems regarding NCAA compliance and other issues.

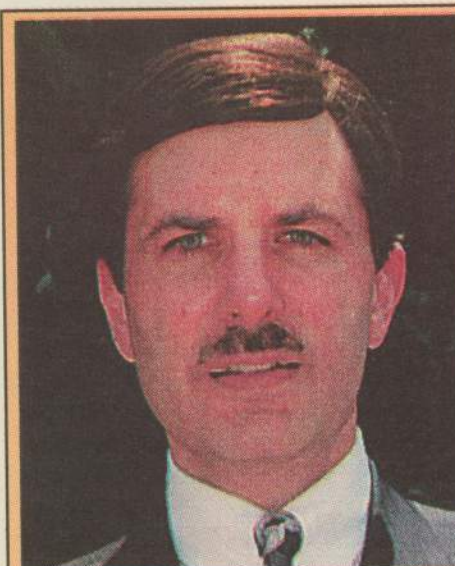
In June, the Sun Belt Conference dropped UTPA, leaving it independent. But according to Weidner, entry into a conference isn't a top priority at the moment.

"In terms of conference affiliation, we are actively discussing a number of potential options. We're putting systems in place, and we're working to gain credibility within the department and nationally," Weidner said.

"There's a sense of urgency, but not a sense of panic. When the time comes to make a presentation to the appropriate conference, we'll have good things to bring to the table."

In July, UTPA did regain its NCAA certification and Weidner wants to put a series of checks and balances in place to insure that it is maintained.

As for the future of the athletic department, Weidner has great aspirations for the coming season.



UTPA
Athletic
Director

William (Bill) Weidner

Education: Springfield (Mass.) College, BS (1979)

Background:

1995-98 Athletic Director, Ashland (Ohio) University

1988-95 Assistant Athletic Director, Southern Methodist University

1986-88 Administrative Assistant-Football, Murray State

1985-86 Assistant Football Coach, Ohio State

1983-85 Assistant Recruiting Coordinator, Stanford

1982-83 Assistant Football Coach, Murray State

1981-82 Assistant Football Coach, Southern Connecticut State

1980-81 Assistant Football Coach, New Haven

"It's a great time to be in UTPA and the athletic department," Weidner said. We've set our sights on some things we want to work towards like NCAA compliance. Also, that we don't achieve athletic success at the expense of our academic success.

"I think my track record of places I've been involved with indicate that you can have great academics and great athletics. They can coexist. You don't have to have one at the expense of the other.

"We just need to work hard, stay the course, and some great things will happen. I'm real excited about where we are and where we hope to go. Together as a team we will get this done, I have no doubt about it."

SPORTS

Texas A&M edges Lady Broncs

By Joe Leal

-The Pan American

Lady Bronc Volleyball began their 1998 campaign with a hard fought five set loss to the Texas A&M Kingsville last night at the Field House.

First year UTPA coach David Thorn saw last night's match-up with TAMUK as something to build on.

"We were nervous at the start but, I like what I saw. The effort was great on my players part but, we still have some work to do," said Thorn.

After dropping the first set 15-13, the Lady Broncs (0-1) roared back taking the second and third sets 16-14 and 15-13. Leading the way for UTPA, outside hitter, Rebecca Boykin. The 5-10 junior set career highs while leading the team in digs with 18 and kills with 16.

"We're working hard and trying to be patient. This first game will help us

become stronger as a team. I feel we're good to go" said Boykin.

After taking the fourth set 15-6 TAMUK looked to the combination of Kenisha Reaux and Ada Ihemelu to push them through the match. Both juniors accounted for 39 of TAMUK's 67 kills with Reaux coming down with 20 and Ada Ihemelu with 19. The Lady Javelinas ended the match with a 15-10 win in the final set.

"It was a tough match... I know they (UTPA) were short of players but they were ready for tonight," said ihemelu.

Setter Bianca Valenciano, a 5-9 junior from Humble, Texas, rallied Texas A&M Kingsville with 45 assists.

Lady Bronc captains Cita Jimenez and Heather Goodman-Morgan also delivered for UTPA. Jimenez, a setter/defensive specialist posted 11 digs and kills while Goodman-Morgan also managed 11 digs along with 14 kills.

"It's our fist game back, but I feel we came together as a team tonight," said Jimenez.

UTPA setter Miya Shimada had 49 assists, one shy of her career record. Rebecca Boykin made a career high 16 kills for the Lady Broncs.

Up next for UTPA, the Western

Carolina Tournament this weekend. Then back here for their two remaining home games against Texas Southern on Sept. 8 and 9, the Lady Broncs' last home collegiate competition this season.



The Lady Broncs lost the match, but made a hard fought effort against the Lady Javelinas.

Low public support for athletics prompts plans for changes

Plans are under way to launch an aggressive campaign to get the student body and the community back to UTPA sporting events. This since public support for the athletic program has waned in the past several years.

"We want to make every one of our games an event, so that when people enter the Field House they sense something special, and they will feel special in terms of how they're taken care of when they come to our games," said Bill Weidner, Athletic Director for UTPA.

The up and coming home contests will have plenty of fan involvement. For the Basketball season, which starts in November, lucky fans could walk away from the game with more than they bargained for when the \$10,000 shot is introduced.

Home games will also be choreographed so that something will always be happening during the time outs and half-time, and the possibility exists for post game activities.

To let the student body and the community be aware of events, more advertising will be seen than ever

before. Table tents, flyers and posters will advertise home games both on and off campus.

New steps in marketing this season will include advertising on radio, TV, and news print, as well as preseason ticket advertising campaigns for Mid-Night Madness.

The athletic program could also get a big boost from discussions about securing a potential television contract for broadcasting home games for men and women's basketball and baseball live throughout the season.

"That is only in the preliminary stages at this time, but we're hoping it will come through," Weidner said. "If it does, it could reach 800,000 people throughout the Valley, and that's important because we want to be known as the Valley's team."

The Bronc Athletic Department has also taken steps to improve the athletic facilities during the summer. The Jody Ramsey stadium has had its field resurfaced, and the Field House has gotten a much needed face-lift. Hopefully, fans and players will appreciate the new look.

Among the projects to make UTPA

more visible to the public are community involvement and service programs. One such endeavor is an "Adopt-A-School" program involving 12 Edinburg elementary schools and the Boys & Girls Clubs in Edinburg and McAllen.

"It creates a win win situation," Weidner stated. "Our athletes enjoy it, the kids we reach out to enjoy it, and then the community can start developing a relationship with us."

Weidner also plans to get the student-athletes involved in the D.A.R.E. Program, Habitat For Humanities, and a "Speaker's Bureau" that allows coaches, student-athletes, and faculty to go out and speak to civic groups, churches, and the like to spread the word on what UTPA's Athletic Program is all about.

Finally, there will be increased networking on campus with deans, student affairs, and student organizations. Meetings will be set up in the dorms to make the student body aware of what's going in the athletic program.

Weidner said, "There will be no reason for people to say they didn't know there was an event on campus."



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